

MINUTES FROM THE
REGULAR ANTWERP TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY September 10, 2013 7:00 PM
APPROVED

Public Hearing opened at 6:30 pm.

Special Assessments were reviewed for Mattawan Fire District, Lawton Fire District, Paw Paw Fire District, and Mattawan Quick Response District.

Public Hearing closed at 6:58 pm.

Supervisor Ruzick called the Township Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Daniel J. Ruzick-Supervisor, Heather Mitchell-Clerk, Bonnie Osborne-Treasurer;
Bruce Cutting – Trustee; Ron Derhammer – Trustee

Also Present: Six guests.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to approve the agenda with one addition E. Kalamazoo County HHW under New Business. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Derhammer to approve minutes from August 13, 2013 with two changes. All voted in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment: Questions were asked of the board on repercussions from speaking out of turn. Discussion on Roberts Rules of Order and modified versions. Kelly Hunter apologized for the sign that was put up in her yard without first applying for a sign permit and assured the board it had been taken down.

Action on Planning Commission Recommendations: None

Pending Business: None

New Business:

A. Mattawan Fire District

Special assessment levy of 1.4000 mills for 2013 in sections 1-4; 9-13; 15-16; 22-26; and 36. No change from last year.

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to approve the ad valorem special assessment at 1.4000 mills for Mattawan Fire District.

Roll Call Vote: Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes. Motion carries.

B. Lawton Fire District

Special assessment levy of 1.4000 mills for 2013 in sections 19-21; 27-35. No change from last year.

Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve the ad valorem special assessment at 1.4000 mills for Lawton Fire District.

Roll Call Vote: Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes. Motion carries.

C. Paw Paw Fire District

Special assessment levy of 1.4000 mills for 2013 in sections 5-8; and 17-18. No change from last year. Motion by Cutting, second by Osborne to approve the ad valorem special assessment at 1.4000 mills for Paw Paw Fire District.

Roll Call Vote: Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes. Motion carries.

D. Mattawan Quick Response

Special assessment levy of .1450 mills for 2013 in sections 1-4; 9-16; 22-26; and 36. Motion by Mitchell, second by Osborne to approve ad valorem special assessment at .1450 mills for Mattawan Quick Response.

Roll Call Vote: Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes. Motion carries.

E. Kalamazoo County HHW

Letter of understanding was sent to the Township in regards to funds diminishing at the Household Hazardous Waste Center in Kalamazoo County. Prior allocation agreed upon is \$3500. Additional funds are needed in order to cover disposal costs for waste received from Antwerp Township residents for the rest of the year through December 31, 2013. Board discussion on appropriate amount to allow continued support for the HHW program.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Osborne to allocate an additional \$500 in order to cover disposal costs through the end of the calendar year for 2013.

Roll Call Vote: Derhammer-yes; Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes. Motion carries.

Correspondence: Senior Services Board Summary August 21, 2013

Announcements: September 19, 2013 7:00 pm Planning Commission Workshop

Reports:

Ordinance Officer Mark Hamre

Information on smart 911. Deputy Hamre gave a report on calls for the last month. A full report of all complaints is available at the Township Hall.

Road Commission Al Svilpe

Another chip seal coat has been applied to a section on Red Arrow Hwy courtesy of KATS. This will elongate longevity until 2015. Paving only has finished on 23rd St. Federal monies came in to pay for widening and asphalt on CR 657 from Red Arrow Hwy south to the overpass of I-94.

Attorney Harold Schuitmaker

No report.

Treasurer Bonnie Osborne

\$201,184.01 in general fund checking.

Building Activity Heather Mitchell

34 permits for August.

Sunshine Branch Library Bonnie Osborne

Story time and toddler time have started. September 26-28 will be annual book sale. Lego Exhibit is scheduled for this month.

Lawton Fire Department Bruce Cutting

Good opinion from Siegfried Crandall on audit.

Mattawan Fire Department Bonnie Osborne

One new member. A controlled burn has been scheduled on October 19 on McGillen Ave.

Cemeteries Heather Mitchell

One burial in August.

Mattawan Quick Response Bonnie Osborne

One new member, oxygen refill center updated along with some jackets and jumpsuits.

Planning Commission Ron Derhammer

Workshop was held on August 28 on updating ordinances on Keeping of Animals and Farm Breweries. Regular meeting on September 4 included ordinance update discussions. Another workshop is scheduled for September 19. A complete set of minutes is available online or in the Township office.

Zoning Board of Appeals Heather Mitchell

No meeting in August. Meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2013. Agendas are available online or at the Township Office.

Public Comment:

Recommendation from the committee on Antwerp Township, Mattawan Quick Response and Mattawan Fire Department bills in the amount of \$124,388.33.

Motion by Derhammer, second by Cutting to accept bills for payment.

Roll Call Vote: Ruzick-yes; Mitchell-yes; Osborne-yes; Cutting-yes; Derhammer-yes. Motion carries.

Motion by Osborne, second by Mitchell to adjourn.

All voted in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Mitchell/Clerk